Statement of Basis

For the Planned Issuance of a Revised Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) Permit Through Reopening and Significant Modification For:

Source: Powerton Generating Station Owner: Midwest Generation, LLC Operator: Midwest Generation, LLC Permittee: Midwest Generation, LLC

Illinois EPA Source ID No.: 179801AAA Federal ORIS* Code for the Source: 879

CAAPP Permit No.: 95090074

Permitting Authority: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Air, Permit Section

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PREFACE

The purpose of this Statement of Basis is to discuss the development and legal basis for certain revisions to the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for the Powerton Generating Station (Powerton) that are now planned. Through a reopening proceeding, certain revisions to the CAAPP permit for this source are planned to address applicable requirements under the Clean Air Act that are not addressed in the current CAAPP permit. This reopening proceeding and the resulting revisions to the CAAPP permit that are now planned would be the final step in the settlement of the previous permit appeal before the Illinois Pollution Control Board for the CAAPP permit that was initially issued by the Illinois EPA for this source. In addition, the Illinois EPA is planning to fully approve the Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) Plans for the coalfired boilers, which plans were only conditionally approved in the CAAPP permit for Powerton that was issued by the Illinois EPA on October 15, 2015. Revisions are also planned to certain provisions of the CAAPP permit to reflect refinements made in the CAAPP permits for other coal-fired power plants in Illinois and to make other refinements now being requested by the Permittee.

This Statement of Basis also addresses the planned issuance of a renewed Acid Rain Program Permit for the four coal-fired utility boilers at Powerton. This revised permit would take the place of the Acid Rain Permit that is Attachment 5 of the current CAAPP permit for the facility.

A Statement of Basis is a document that the Illinois EPA must prepare as part of the public comment period for the planned CAAPP permit of a renewal, significant modification and/or reopening of a CAAPP permit. The statement of basis is intended to aid the public in understanding the relevant facts and legal basis of permitting actions regarding planned CAAPP permits. In this instance, this Statement of Basis addresses the reopening and significant modification revisions to the CAAPP permit for the planned revised CAAPP permit for Powerton.

This Statement of Basis is only explanatory in nature and is not enforceable. The Statement of Basis also does not provide a shield from enforcement actions or responsibility to comply with existing or future applicable regulations. Nor does this Statement of Basis constitute a defense to a violation of the federal Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Act (Act) or implementing regulations thereunder.

¹ The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions established to meet the requirements of Title V of the federal Clean Air Act (CA Act) and 40 CFR Part 70; it is found at Section 39.5 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/39.5].

² The Illinois EPA must prepare Statements of Basis pursuant to Section 39.5(8) (b) of

Illinois' Environmental Protection Act (Act), 502(a) of the Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 70.7(a)(5). Along with the planned permit prepared for public comment, "The Illinois EPA must prepare ... a statement that sets forth the legal and factual basis for the Draft CAAPP permit conditions, including references to the applicable statutory or regulatory provisions." The Illinois EPA must also provide a copy of this statement to any person who requests it.

INTRODUCTION

The Powerton Generating Station (Powerton) is a coal power plant with four coal-fired utility boilers. The initial CAAPP3 permit for Powerton was issued by the Illinois EPA in September 2005. The permit addressed the applicable emission standards and requirements that existed at the time the permit was issued. In a subsequent permit appeal to the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the applicability of certain legal requirements and the imposition of certain requirements for emission testing, monitoring recordkeeping and reporting in the CAAPP permit were challenged. In the years since the filing of the appeal, the initial permit was stayed in its entirety. The presence of the stay, which was a consequence of the Illinois administrative review process, prevented the initial permit from becoming effective. The earliest steps to advancing the development of an appropriate CAAPP permit for this source was to provide for the effectiveness of a CAAPP permit and the resolution of the permit appeal. These steps were completed on October 15, 2015, when the Board granted a voluntary dismissal of the appeal by the source and a revised CAAPP permit was issued for Powerton. The CAAPP permit for Powerton can and is now being brought up-to-date by the Illinois EPA through a permit reopening proceeding.

This Statement of Basis supports the revisions to the CAAPP permit for the Powerton Generating Station that are now planned by the Illinois EPA and for which a public comment period is required before any such revisions are made. Chapter 1 of this Statement of Basis provides historical background to the planned permitting action. Chapter 2 provides the factual basis for these planned permit actions. Chapter 3 provides a narrative discussion for the specific changes that are planned to the CAAPP permit in the reopening proceeding so that the permit would address all applicable requirements under the Clean Air Act. Chapter 4 discusses the planned full approval of the source's Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) Plan for the particulate matter (PM) emissions of the boilers, including a review of the results of the emissions testing that was completed as required by the conditional approval of

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³ Title V permits are a means of assembling and setting forth the various air pollution control requirements established under the CA Act for major sources of emissions and certain other sources in particular categories. The CAAPP is administered by the Illinois EPA in conjunction with other state permitting programs for stationary sources of emissions. CAAPP permits contain conditions identifying the federal and state emission control requirements that apply to the various emission units at sources. They also contain detailed conditions establishing "monitoring", including operating practices, emission testing, emissions monitoring, operational monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting, that subject sources must implement to confirm they are operating in compliance with applicable emission control requirements. The statutory authority for Illinois's CAAPP is found at Section 39.5 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act). The CAAPP was given final full approval by USEPA on December 4, 2001 (see 66 FR 62946).

Powerton is subject to a variety of federal and state emission standards and emission control requirements, which are the legal basis for certain conditions in this CAAPP permit that limit emissions. Certain other requirements have their origin in construction permits issued for new or modified emission units at the source. The CAAPP itself identifies the legal basis for additional requirements such as periodic monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping. The specific statutory and regulatory provisions that are the legal basis for the conditions in the CAAPP permit for this source are provided in the permit, as the origin and authority of conditions are also specified and referenced in the conditions of the permit. Conditions that have their origin in a construction permit are also identified. In this regard, the Illinois EPA's practice in CAAPP permits is to identify requirements that are carried over from an earlier construction permit into a new or renewed CAAPP Permit as "TI" conditions (i.e., Title I conditions). Because the underlying authority for provisions in construction permits comes from Title I of the CA Act and their initial establishment in Title I Permits, the effectiveness of T1 Conditions derives from Title I of the CA Act rather than being linked to Title V of the CA Act.

this CAM Plan. Chapter 5 discusses other planned revisions to the permit that were significant modifications. Chapter 6 provides general background on the emission units at Powerton and requirements under the current CAAPP permit.

This Statement of Basis also addresses the planned issuance of a renewed Acid Rain Program Permit for the four coal-fired electrical generating units at Powerton. This revised permit, which would take the place of the permit that is attached to the current CAAPP permit for Powerton, is addressed in Chapter 1.6 of this Statement of Basis.

CHAPTER 1 - HISTORICAL AND LEGAL BACKGROUND TO THE PLANNED ACTION

1.1 Historical Background

Midwest Generation, LLC (the "Permittee") operates a coal-fired electric power plant known as the Powerton Generating Station ("Powerton"). This power plant is located at 13082 East Manito Road in Pekin, Illinois. In addition to coal-fired boilers, this plant has ancillary equipment and operations, including coal handling, coal processing, fly ash handling, gasoline storage, a natural gas boiler and dry sorbent material handling equipment.

The Permittee filed an application with the Illinois EPA on September 7, 1995 for a CAAPP permit for Powerton. The application was assigned Application No. 95090074. Following a public comment period with opportunity for comments from the public and review of a proposed CAAPP permit by USEPA, the Illinois EPA issued a CAAPP permit for Powerton on September 29, 2005.

On November 3, 2005, the Permittee petitioned Illinois' Pollution Control Board (Board) for review of the CAAPP permit issued by the Illinois EPA for Powerton. In particular, the Permittee challenged the inclusion of certain specific terms and conditions in this permit, as identified in the petition. The Permittee requested that the Board reverse and remand the permit to the Illinois EPA specifically for the purpose of removing said conditions or revising the permit as requested in the petition. The Permittee further requested that the Board recognize that the "issued" CAAPP Permit was not final and effective, pending a final decision from the Board, with issuance of an order staying the permit as a whole. On November 17, 2005, the Board accepted the Permittee's appeal petition, and on February 16, 2006, the Board recognized that the issued CAAPP permit was stayed in its entirety as a matter of law.

The parties engaged in negotiations, which ultimately resulted in settlement. The Illinois EPA prepared a draft of a revised CAAPP permit that reflected the changes to the permit agreed to in settlement discussions and took the steps needed to process the draft revised permit. On October 15, 2015, the Board granted a joint motion to lift the stay of uncontested conditions, allowing the initial permit to go into effect, but with contested conditions remaining stayed and the Illinois EPA issued a revised CAAPP permit for Powerton that reflected the negotiated settlement of the appeal of the initial permit.

1.2 The Current CAAPP Permit Reopening Proceeding

In conjunction with the issuance of the current CAAPP permit, the Illinois EPA initiated a formal reopening of this permit under the CAAPP's procedures for reopening, as authorized by Section 39.5(15)(a)(i) of the Act. This process began on November 16, 2015. The purpose of this reopening proceeding is to address additional requirements to the CAAPP permit, i.e., requirements under the Clean Air Act that have become applicable to Powerton since the original permit issuance in 2005. For the coal-fired boilers, the following regulations have been identified as needing to be addressed in the reopening proceeding: Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART), the Illinois Mercury Rule (35 IAC Part 225); the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS), 40 CFR 63 Subpart UUUUU; and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), 40 CFR Part 97 Subparts AAAAA, BBBBB and CCCCC. The applicable requirements set by construction permits issued since 2005 for projects at Powerton will also be addressed in the reopening proceeding.

The permit revisions addressed by this permitting action are described in detail in Chapter 3 below. As provided by Section 39.5(15)(c) of the Act, proceedings for reopening a permit must adhere to the "same procedures" that apply to initial issuance of a CAAPPP permit. These procedures include the preparation of a planned CAAPP permit and accompanying Statement of Basis, and a public comment period, followed by opportunity for review by USEPA. In addition, a reopened permit does not provide for a comprehensive review of the permit, as would occur for an initial or renewed CAAPP permit, but instead only affects the parts of the permit addressed by the reopening.

As mentioned above, the planned revisions to the CAAPP permit have resulted in the preparation of a draft permit and this accompanying document.⁵ The planned revisions to the permit are being subjected to public participation and will then undergo review by USEPA in accordance with Sections 39.5(8)(a) and (9) of the Act. Unless the public comment period on this draft revision of the CAAPP permit is extended, the public comment period will close on September 24, 2016.

1.3 Planned Full Approval of the CAM Plan for PM Emissions of the Boilers

The Illinois EPA is also planning to issue a revised CAAPP permit for Powerton that would fully approve the Permittee's Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) Plans for Powerton's coal-fired boilers for PM emissions. As discussed in Chapter 4 of this document, the Permittee has complied with all provisions of the conditional approval of the CAM Plan, including PM testing, data analysis and submission of an application for Significant Modification of the CAAPP permit to take final action on the CAM Plans. The Permittee submitted the application to Illinois EPA on April 21, 2016. The Illinois EPA has found that the CAM Plan submitted by the Permittee now fully satisfies the applicable requirements in 40 CFR 64.6. The Illinois EPA has also determined that the monitoring is sufficient to provide data that satisfy the requirements of 40 CFR Part 64 and confirms the appropriateness of the selected indicator ranges to satisfy 40 CFR 64.3(a)(2) and (3), as discussed in detail in Chapter 4 of this document. These planned revisions to the permit are also being subjected to public participation and review by affected States and will then undergo review by USEPA.

1.4 Other Planned Revisions to Provisions of the CAAPP Permit

The Permittee has also submitted an application requesting certain revisions to the provisions of the CAAPP permit, including certain requirements for Periodic Monitoring in the current CAAPP permit. These revisions involve elements of Periodic Monitoring that are not explicitly required by applicable rules but were previously determined by the Illinois EPA to be appropriate to ensure compliance with applicable substantive requirements in the permit. Based on further information and evaluation, the Illinois EPA has now determined that certain revisions to be these requirements are appropriate, as have now been requested by the source. These revisions would reflect refinements made in the CAAPP permits for other coal-fired power plants in Illinois and other substantive refinements to the provisions of the permit now being requested by the Permittee. The Illinois EPA has determined that it is appropriate to make

⁵ The draft Reopening of the CAAPP permit and this Statement of Basis have been posted on and are available at both, Illinois EPA and USEPA's website: http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html

these revisions to the CAAPP permit requested by the Permittee, as discussed in detail in Chapter 5 of this document.

These revisions would be made using the procedures for significant modification as they potentially involve significant changes in existing monitoring permit terms or conditions, or relaxation of reporting or recordkeeping requirements and do not qualify as either minor permit modifications or as administrative permit amendments. As provided by Section 39.5(14)(c)(iii) of the Act, proceedings for significant permit modifications must meet the same requirements that apply to initial issuance or renewal of a CAAPPP permit, including public participation, review by affected States, and review by USEPA.

1.5 Parallel CAAPP Permitting Actions

In addition to the planned revisions to the CAAPP permit for Powerton pursuant to the reopening proceeding, to provide full approval of the CAM Plan and to update certain requirements for Periodic Monitoring, the Illinois EPA is planning to make certain other revisions to the current CAAPP permit through the procedures for minor modifications and administrative amendment.

The additional revisions that will be addressed using the procedures for minor modification involve a variety of changes, including, among other things, those that do not cause significant changes to existing monitoring, reporting or recordkeeping, as provided for by Section 39.5(14)(a)(i)(B) of the Act. For permit revisions meeting the criteria for minor modification, the Illinois EPA is required to review the revisions using the CAAPP's procedures for minor modifications. The revisions that will be made using the minor modification process are described in Attachment 1 of this Statement of Basis. The CAAPP does not provide for public participation on planned minor modifications of CAAPP permits. USEPA will be afforded a 45-day review period to comment on the proposed modifications, as provided for by Section 39.5(14)(a)(v) of the Act.

For permit revisions meeting the criteria for administrative amendment, the Illinois EPA is required to address the revisions using the procedures for administrative amendment of CAAPP permits. The revisions that will be made to the CAAPP permit using the procedures for administrative amendment are described in Attachment 2 of this Statement of Basis. The CAAPP does not provide for public participation on planned administrative amendments. A copy of the amended permit will be submitted to the USEPA following revision, as required by Section 39.5(13)(b) of the Act.

1.6 Issuance of a Renewed Acid Rain Program Permit for the Powerton Station

Under the federal Acid Rain Program, the Permittee has applied for a renewed Acid Rain Permit for Powerton. The purpose of the Acid Rain Program, which was established by Title IV of the Clean Air Act, is to achieve significant reductions in emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO_2) and nitrogen oxides (NO_X) from fossil-fuel fired electrical generating units as related to the contribution of these emissions to acid rain. To achieve this objective for coal-fired power plants, the program employs a market-based approach to reduce SO_2 emissions and traditional emission standards for NO_X emissions.

The Illinois EPA has determined that it is appropriate to issue a renewed Acid Rain Program Permit for Powerton, as discussed further in Chapter 6 of this document. The issuance of this renewed Acid Rain Permit must also be subject to public participation and review by any affected States and then undergo

review by USEPA. In addition, the renewed Acid Rain Permit would take the place of the Acid Rain Permit that is included as Attachment 5 of the current CAAPP permit for Powerton, also contributing to bringing the CAAPP Permit for Powerton up to date. Accordingly, the Illinois EPA is processing the draft of this renewed Acid Rain Program Permit at the same time as other planned revisions to the CAAPP permit pursuant to the reopening proceeding.

CHAPTER 2 - FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PLANNED PERMIT ACTION

2.1 Description of the Source

At the Powerton Generating Station (Powerton), four coal-fired boilers are used to produce electrical power. The electricity is generated in two steam turbine generators, each of which receives steam from one pair of boilers. Powerton is located at 13082 East Manito Road in Pekin, Illinois (Tazewell County). The area in which Powerton is located has not been identified as posing a potential concern for consideration of Environmental Justice.

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code: 4911

The revised CAAPP permit for Powerton planned by the Illinois EPA would address the following emission units and operations at this source, in addition to the insignificant activities that are present at this source.

Emission Unit(s)	Description		
Emission Units Currently Addressed by the Permit			
Unit 5 Coal-Fired Boiler (BLR-51)	Babcock & Wilcox Boiler (1973)		
Unit 5 Coal-Fired Boiler (BLR-52)	Babcock & Wilcox Boiler (1973)		
Unit 6 Coal-Fired Boiler (BLR-61)	Babcock & Wilcox Boiler (1976)		
Unit 6 Coal-Fired Boiler (BLR-62)	Babcock & Wilcox Boiler (1976)		
Coal Handling Equipment	Coal Receiving, Transfer and Storage Operations		
Coal Processing Equipment	Coal Crushing Operations		
Fly Ash Handling Equipment	Equipment for Handling and Loadout of Fly Ash from the Coal Boilers		
Auxiliary Boiler	Natural Gas-Fired Auxiliary Boiler		
Gasoline Storage Tank	Gasoline Storage Tank - 500 Gallon		
Additional Emission Units to Be Addressed by the Planned Revised Permit			
Dry Sorbent Handling Facilities	Equipment for handling sorbent for the Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI) Systems installed on the coal boilers for control of SO_2 emissions		
Transportable Boiler	Transportable natural gas-fired boiler for temporary use when existing equipment may be unable to meet the need for auxiliary steam		
Portable Direct-Fired Heaters	Portable liquid propane fired space heaters for providing heat during cold weather		
Coal Additive Handling Facility	Equipment for handling dry additive and mixing it with the coal supply for the boilers to make refined coal		

2.2 Ambient Air Quality Status for the Area

Powerton is located in an area that is currently designated attainment or unclassifiable for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for all

criteria pollutants, including the NAAQS for sulfur dioxide (SO_2), nitrogen dioxide (NO_2), particulate matter_{2.5} ($PM_{2.5}$), particulate matter₁₀ (PM_{10}), ⁶ carbon monoxide (CO), ozone and lead (See 40 CFR 81.314).

However, Powerton is located adjacent to an area that is currently designated as nonattainment for the hourly NAAQS for SO_2 . Powerton's SO_2 emissions were addressed by the Illinois EPA when developing Illinois' plan to bring this nonattainment area into compliance with this NAAQS. As addressed by the draft CAAPP permit, new SO_2 emission standards for the coal-fired boilers at Powerton that take effect beginning January 1, 2017 have been adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

2.3 Major Source Status

Powerton requires a CAAPP permit because it is considered a major source for emissions of the following regulated pollutants: nitrogen oxides (NO $_{\rm x}$), volatile organic material (VOM), PM $_{\rm 10}$, PM $_{\rm 2.5}$, SO $_{\rm 2}$, CO and hazardous air pollutants (HAP). A major source of emissions is required to have a CAAPP permit by Section 39.5(2)(a)(i) of the Act. 8

The facility also requires a CAAPP Permit as an "affected source" for the purposes of Acid Deposition Control, Title IV of the Clean Air Act, as provided by Section 39.5(2)(a)(iii) of the Act.

The actual annual emissions of regulated pollutants from Powerton, as reported by the Permittee in its Annual Emission Reports submitted to the Illinois EPA, are provided below:

Dellutest	Reported Emissions (tons/year)		
Pollutant	2015	2014	2013
СО	264.65	390.33	383.76
NO_x	3,278.48	5 , 796.08	5,537.61
PM	960.72	1,388.89	1,662.09
SO ₂	10,345.80	16,717.53	18,453.50
VOM	49.65	75.41	73.54
CO ₂	6,969,177.07	10,551,356.13	10,391,598.14
Mercury	0.020	0.228	0.222
Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	13.11	3,299.47	=
Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	27.42	414.43	-

 $^{^{6}}$ PM $_{2.5}$ and PM $_{10}$ are particles with aerodynamic diameters less than or equal to 2.5 and 10 microns, respectively.

 $^{^7}$ The new ${\rm SO}_2$ emission standards for Powerton pursuant to 35 IAC 214.603(e) are addressed in Condition 7.1.4(e) of the draft CAAPP permit.

The Permittee has voluntarily submitted data for actual emissions of GHGs in its Annual Emission Reports (AER). However, Powerton is not currently subject to any "applicable requirements," as defined by Section 39.5(1) of the Act, for GHG emissions, as defined by 40 CFR 86.1818-12(a). In addition, the USEPA's Mandatory Reporting Rule for GHG emissions, 40 CFR Part 98, does not constitute an "applicable requirement" because it was adopted under the authority of Sections 114(a)(1) and 208 of the Clean Air Act. The planned CAAPP permit would not relieve the source from its obligations for reporting under the Mandatory Reporting Rule.

2.4 Fee Schedule

A schedule limiting the source's annual emissions is not included in the permit for the purpose of fees under the CAAPP. Midwest Generation, LLC currently pays the maximum annual fee for a source under the CAAPP.

2.5 Construction Permits

The construction permits listed below, issued since October 2005, were reviewed during the development of the planned revised CAAPP permit for Powerton. Any applicable requirements that originated in these construction permits that took effect and with which the Permittee must currently comply are addressed in the draft of the planned revised CAAPP permit.

Permit No.	Date Issued	Subject
06120004	03/05/2007	Wet Dust Extractors for Unit 5 & Unit 6 Coal Bunkers &
		Crusher House
07060012	08/08/2007	Sorbent Injection Systems for Units 5 and 6
08110022	12/19/2008	Portable Direct Fired Space Heaters
10030003	08/24/2016*	RRI and SNCR Systems for NO_x Control
10120020	08/24/2016*	Dry Sorbent Injection Systems and ESP Upgrades for Unit 5
10120021	08/24/2016*	Dry Sorbent Injection Systems and ESP Upgrades for Unit 6
14090020	10/02/2014	Temporary Natural Gas-Fired Boiler
15090007	02/16/2016	Refined Coal Facility

^{*} Date permit revised.

The permits listed below, issued prior to 2005, were reviewed during the development of the initial CAAPP permit for Powerton and are listed for informational purposes. Any applicable requirements that originated from these permits were appropriately addressed in the current CAAPP permit.

Original Permit	Date Issued	Subject
01080005	10/29/2001	Installation of, Over Fire Air System for Unit 61, Boiler
01080029	10/02/2001	NO_{x} Emission Reduction Project (OFA on Units 51 and 52)
02070046	08/07/2002	Gasoline Dispensing Tank

The construction permits listed below have been withdrawn at the request of the Permittee or have expired, and are listed for informational purposes.

Construction Permits that have been withdrawn or have expired			
Permit No.	Reason	Subject	
09030005	Expired	Pilot Evaluation of SNCR System for NO _x Control for Unit 5 or 6	
09030008	Expired	Pilot Evaluation of Sorbent Injection for SO ₂ Control for Unit 5 or 6	
01100013	Withdrawn	SCR for Powerton Boilers #51, #52, #61, and #62	
04030053	Withdrawn	Dust Extractors for Coal Handling System	
08070065	Withdrawn	Combined Pollutant Emission Control Trains	

CHAPTER 3 - PLANNED CHANGES TO THE CAAPP PERMIT THROUGH REOPENING

Introduction

The changes described below are planned to be made as part of the reopening proceeding for the CAAPP permit for Powerton. 9

<u>Changes in Section 2 of the Permit: List of Abbreviations and Acronyms used in this Permit</u>

Condition 2.0

Additional abbreviations and acronyms that would be used in the revised CAAPP permit would be added to Condition 2.0, including ACI (Activated Carbon Injection), BART (Best Available Retrofit Technology), CAIR (Clean Air Interstate Rule), CMS (Continuous Monitoring System(s)), CSAPR (Cross-State Air Pollution Rule), DSI (Dry Sorbent Injection), FGD (Flue Gas Desulfurization), GWh (Gigawatt-Hour), MATS (Mercury And Air Toxics Standards), MWh (Megawatt-Hour), PM $_{2.5}$ (Particulate Matter $_{2.5}$), RATA (Relative Accuracy Test Audit), RRI (Rich Reagent Injection), SNCR (Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction), STMS (Sorbent Trap Monitoring System(s)), TBtu (Trillion Btu) and TR (Transport Rule).

Changes in Section 3 of the Permit: Conditions for Insignificant Activities

Conditions 3.1.2 and 3.1.3

The insignificant activities identified in these conditions would be updated to reflect changes made since the permit was appealed in 2005.

The urea solution storage tanks, ACI silos with bin vents and associated delivery systems, and refined coal liquid additive storage tank would be added to the list of insignificant activities. The lime storage silo would be removed because this insignificant activity is obsolete. Diesel fuel unloading was removed from Condition 3.1.2 because it is now addressed under Condition 3.1.3 as a specific insignificant activity included in 35 IAC 201.210(a)(19)(B). Polyacrylic Acid was removed from Condition 3.1.2 because the associated tank is now used for storage of an organic liquid which is a specifically identified insignificant activity under 35 IAC 201.210(a)(10)(A).

Conditions 3.2.4 and 3.2.6

These conditions would be added to identify additional compliance requirements associated with changes to the insignificant activities conducted at the source.

Conditions 3.4

Conditions would be added to specifically identify the federal and state standards and associated monitoring and recordkeeping requirements applicable to emergency diesel engines that are insignificant activities.

 $^{^{9}}$ Pursuant to Section 39.5(14)(c) of the Act, "Proceedings regarding a reopened CAAPP permit shall follow the same procedures as apply to initial permit issuance and shall affect only those parts of the permit for which cause to reopen exists."

Changes in Section 5.0: Overall Source Conditions

Condition 5.2.2

Various requirements related to roadways traveled by trucks handling certain materials have been added in Condition 5.2.2. These requirements originated in construction permits for projects at Powerton that involved handling of more material by truck, so as to be accompanied by increased fugitive emissions of particulate matter from roadways travelled by such trucks.

Condition 5.9

This condition would have required the Permittee to provide certain information to the Illinois EPA in advance of, or contemporaneous with, this permit reopening to assist the Illinois EPA if the permit was not reopened within 32 days after issuance of the current CAAPP permit. This requirement is now moot and would be removed from the CAAPP permit.

Condition 5.10

This condition provided information concerning when certain periodic monitoring and reporting had to be completed depending on the date the condition became effective. This is because the current permit did not become effective until it was issued in 2015. Since this has already occurred, the requirements would be removed.

Changes in Section 6.0: Conditions for Emissions Control Programs

Section 6.1 NO_x Trading Program

Section 6.1 would be removed from the permit because the NO_X Trading Program addressed by 35 IAC 217 Subpart W no longer exists. The requirements under the program expired in 2009.

Section 6.3 Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART)

Under the Clean Air Act, to reduce emissions of visibility impairing air pollutants, NO_X , SO_2 , and particulate, certain stationary sources must be subject to a Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) standard. BART is defined as an "emission limitation based on the degree of reduction available through the application of the best system of continuous emission reduction for each pollutant which is emitted by an existing stationary facility" (40 CFR 51.301).

A state may opt to implement an alternate measure rather than requiring each unit subject to BART to install, operate, and maintain BART if it demonstrates that the alternate measure will achieve greater reasonable progress. The criteria for the assessment if an alternative measure demonstrates greater reasonable progress are provided in 40 CFR 51.308(e)(2).

 $^{^{10}}$ The NOx Trading Program has been made obsolete by the USEPA's adoption of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR).

Illinois elected to use certain provisions for NO_X and SO_2 emissions in the Combined Pollutant Standard (CPS), 35 IAC 225.292, as an alternative to requiring BART control on each of the CPS units subject to BART. The CPS will reduce emissions from both units subject to BART and units not subject to BART at the CPS Group plants. Implementation of the CPS emission limits at the CPS Group plants was expected to provide much deeper NO_X and SO_2 reductions in the aggregate than solely implementing BART on the CPS units subject to BART and thus will provide greater reasonable progress to improve visibility.

Section 6.4 Cross-State Air Pollution Rule

On July 6, 2011, the USEPA finalized the rule known as the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR). CSAPR requires states to significantly improve air quality by reducing power plant emissions that contribute to ozone and/or fine particle pollution in other states 11 .

CSAPR requires a total of 28 Eastern and Midwestern states to reduce annual SO_2 emissions, annual NO_X emissions and/or ozone season NO_X emissions to assist in attaining the 1997 ozone and fine particle and 2006 fine particle National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). CSAPR took effect January 1, 2015 for SO_2 and annual NO_X , and May 1, 2015 for ozone season NO_X .

CSAPR includes several emissions trading programs that require affected EGUs to hold emission allowances sufficient to cover their emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO $_{\rm X}$) and/or sulfur dioxide (SO $_{\rm 2}$) in each compliance period. For each trading program and compliance period, the rule establishes overall state "budgets" representing the maximum number of emission allowances that may be allocated to the group of affected EGUs in each covered state. Annual SO $_{\rm 2}$ allocations for the four affected boilers (combined) at Powerton are 22,214 tons per year in 2015 and 2016 and 11,527 tons per year in 2017 through 2020. Annual NO $_{\rm X}$ allocations for the four affected boilers (combined) are 4,179 tons per year for the period of 2015 through 2020 and 1,689 tons per ozone season for the same period¹².

The CSAPR requirements are discussed in detail in Condition 6.4 of the planned permit. The language in planned the permit was based on regulatory requirements.

Section 6.5 Illinois Mercury Rule

To address mercury emissions from electrical generating units (EGUs), Illinois adopted 35 IAC Part 225 "Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources." This rule provided two options; one option imposes stringent limits on mercury emissions alone; the other option mandates implementation of specific mercury control technology in conjunction with lower emission limits for NOx and SO_2 .

¹¹ The timing of CSAPR's implementation has been affected by a number of court actions. On December 30, 2011, CSAPR was stayed prior to implementation. On April 29, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an opinion reversing an August 21, 2012 D.C. Circuit decision that had vacated CSAPR. Following the remand of the case to the D.C. Circuit, USEPA requested that the court lift the CSAPR stay and toll the CSAPR compliance deadlines by three years. On October 23, 2014, the D.C. Circuit granted USEPA's request. Accordingly, CSAPR Phase 1 implementation begins in 2015, with Phase 2 beginning in 2017.

Allocations are from Technical Information and Support Document on USEPA website titled "Unit Level Allocations Under the CSAPR FIPs After Tolling" (http://www3.epa.gov/crossstaterule/pdfs/UnitLevelAllocations Tolled.xls)

The Permittee was granted a variance by the Illinois Pollution Control Board to implement specific mercury control technology and was provided lower emission limits for SO_2 and NO_x .

The Permittee must comply with the following limits as addressed in planned Section 6.5 of the CAAPP permit:

- Mercury: 0.0080 lb mercury/GWh gross electrical output, using continuous monitoring equipment which includes mercury continuous emission monitoring systems and associated monitoring and data acquisition systems.
- \bullet NOx: Annual emission rate and ozone season emission rate of no more than 0.11 lb/mmBtu
- SO₂: Comply with annual average emission rate and annual mass emission limitations in the Board variance through December 31, 2017. Subsequently, comply with SO₂ emission rate limitations in 35 IAC 294(b).

Section 6.6 Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS Rule)

On December 16, 2011, the USEPA adopted the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) from Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units, 40 CFR 63 Subpart UUUUU, to reduce emissions of hazardous air pollutants from power plants. Specifically, these NESHAP rules, more commonly referred to as the mercury and air toxics standards (MATS) for power plants, address HAP emissions from new and existing coal and oil-fired electric utility steam generating units (EGUs). The final rule was effective on April 16, 2012 and allowed existing sources three years to comply with the rule, resulting in an initial compliance date of April 16, 2015 unless extended.

MATS addresses emissions of heavy metals, including mercury (Hg), arsenic (As), chromium (Cr), and nickel (Ni); and acid gases, including hydrochloric acid (HCl) and hydrofluoric acid (HF). MATS applies to EGUs larger than 25 MW that burn coal or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for sale and distribution through the national electric grid to the public. For existing coal-fired EGUs, the rule establishes numerical emission limits for mercury, non-mercury HAP metals, and HCl (a surrogate for all toxic acid gases).

The rule establishes alternative numeric emission standards, including SO_2 (as an alternate to HCl), individual non-mercury HAP metals (as an alternate to PM), and total non-mercury HAP metals (as an alternate to PM). The standards set work practices, instead of numerical limits, to limit emissions of organic air toxics, including dioxin/furan, from existing and new coal- and oil-fired power plants. Because dioxins and furans form as a result of inefficient combustion, the work practice standards require a triennial performance test program for each unit that includes inspection, adjustment, and/or maintenance and repairs to ensure optimal combustion.

The Permittee has chosen the following approaches to comply with requirements of the MATS Rule:

• Non-Mercury HAP Metals: Compliance with the PM limit of 0.030 lb/mmBtu. The source is demonstrating compliance with quarterly emissions testing. (The source has not chosen to use a continuous particulate matter

monitoring system.) Pursuant to the MATS Rule, the source may qualify for low emitting EGU (LEE) status for filterable PM if performance test emissions results are less than 50 percent of the applicable emissions limits for all required testing for 3 consecutive years. If LEE status is achieved, the source will be required to conduct performance testing once every three years.

- Acid Gases: Compliance with an SO_2 limit of 0.20 lb/mmBtu, on a quarterly basis. Pursuant to the MATS Rule, the Permittee is allowed this method since the affected EGUs are equipped with a flue gas desulfurization system and an SO_2 continuous emission monitoring system (CEMS). With this option, quarterly testing for HCl emissions is not required.
- Mercury: Compliance with a limit of 0.013 lb/GWh, as a 30-boiler operating day rolling average. Pursuant to the MATS Rule, the Permittee is using a CEMS to demonstrate compliance with the standard.
- Work Practices: Conducting tune-ups of the boiler burner and combustion controls at least every 36 calendar months. The Permittee is complying with the control device operation, fuel usage, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements specified in Items 3 and 4 of Table 3 of 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart UUUUU during startup periods and shutdown periods of the affected EGUs. For this purpose, the Permittee has elected to use the first definition of startup in 40 CFR 63.10042.¹³

MATS Initial Compliance Demonstrations

As required by the MATS Rule, the Permittee has conducted all required initial performance testing, boiler tune-ups and notifications. All emissions testing demonstrated significant margins of compliance with the applicable emissions limits. The Permittee submitted a notice of completion of initial performance tune-up for the boilers to the Illinois EPA on September 18, 2015 and an initial notification of compliance status for the MATS Rule to the Illinois EPA on October 12, 2015. These have been followed by periodic testing reports on a quarterly basis. The initial notification of compliance status was submitted on September 17, 2015.

MATS Compliance Options

The planned permit would also allow the Permittee to switch to other compliance options, as provided by the MATS Rule. This would be addressed in planned Condition 6.5.9, which provides that such switches may occur following prior notification to Illinois EPA and applicable performance testing and revisions to the Notification of Compliance Status as necessary.

Section 7.1: Coal Fired Boilers

Conditions 7.1.1

¹³ The first definition of startup in the MATS rule provides that a startup is "Either the first-ever firing of fuel in a boiler for the purpose of producing electricity, or the firing of fuel in a boiler after a shutdown event for any purpose. Startup ends when any of the steam from the boiler is used to generate electricity for sale over the grid or for any other purpose (including on-site use). Any fraction of an hour in which startup occurs constitutes a full hour of startup."

The description of the boilers would be updated to reflect additional air pollution control equipment installed on the boilers since 2005. This equipment includes rich reagent injection (RRI) systems and selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) systems for control of NOx emissions, dry sorbent injection (DSI) systems for control of SO_2 emissions and activated carbon injection (ACI) systems for control of mercury emissions.

Condition 7.1.2

New emissions control equipment added to the coal boilers since 2005 would be added to the table, which include the RRI and SNCR, DSI and ACI systems.

New Condition 7.1.4(e)

This condition would be added to the permit because Powerton is subject to site specific standards for SO_2 emission rates recently added to 35 IAC 214. These standards were added to 35 IAC 214 in December 2015 and become effective on January 1, 2017. The new standards have not yet been approved by the USEPA as part of the Illinois State Implementation Plan so would therefore be identified in the CAAPP permit as a "State Only Requirement."

Associated recordkeeping and reporting requirements for these new SO_2 standards would also be added to the permit as Condition 7.1.9(d)(iii) and 7.1.10-3(c) and (d).

Condition 7.1.4(h) through (k)

These new conditions for the coal boilers would refer to the applicable requirements of the BART requirements in Section 6.3 of the planned permit, the applicable requirements of CSAPR in Section 6.4 of the planned permit, the applicable requirements of the Illinois Mercury Rule in Section 6.5 of the planned permit and the applicable requirements of the MATS Rule in Section 6.6 of the planned permit. Discussions of these requirements are provided above in the discussions for "Changes to Section 6.0".

Condition 7.1.5(d)

Non-applicability statements for CAM for State Rule requirements for SO_2 and NOx would be updated with the relevant reference to 40 CFR 64.2, based on use of continuous monitoring devices to determine compliance.

Condition 7.1.5(e)

The non-applicability statement for CAM for the state emission standard for CO would be updated with the relevant reference to 40 CFR 64.2(a)(2), based on the fact that a control device is not used to comply with the CO standard.

Condition 7.1.5(f)

Non-applicability statements for CAM for the MATS Rule would be added, based on 40 CFR 64.2(b)(1)(i), because this rule was proposed by the USEPA after November 15, 1990.

Condition 7.1.5(g)

A non-applicability statements for CAM for the state emission standard for mercury would be added, based both on pre-control device potential emissions being less than 100 tons/year, 40 CFR 64.2(a)(3), and the required use of a continuous compliance determination method for this standard, 40 CFR 64.2(b)(1)(vi).

Condition 7.1.5(h) through (j)

Non-applicability statements for NSPS, 40 CFR Part 60 Subparts Da and CCCC would be added to the permit. This is because these boilers are existing units and have not been modified or reconstructed after relevant trigger dates (NSPS Subpart Da) and do not combust any waste (NSPS Subpart CCCC). Non-applicability statements would be also added for NESHAPs 40 CFR Part 63 Subparts DDDDD and JJJJJJ. This is because the boilers are utility boilers subject to MATS.

Condition 7.1.6(a)

A statement that the tune-ups required by the MATS Rule, as would be addressed in Condition 6.6.3(e), satisfy the semi-annual requirement for a combustion evaluation would be added to the condition. Additionally, a statement that semi-annual combustion evaluations may be delayed if an affected boiler is off-line during the last 30 days of the semi-annual period. Therefore, the source would not have to start up the boiler for the sole purpose of completing a semi-annual combustion evaluation. A combustion evaluation must be conducted within 30 days of restart of such boiler.

Condition 7.1.6(b) through (d)

These conditions would be added to the permit to address applicable work practices, operational limits and emission limits from Construction Permits 10030003, 07060012, 10120020 and 10120021.

Condition 7.1.7(a)(iii) - Note (Condition 7.1.7-1 in revised permit)

A note would be added to this condition to clarify that the Permittee must also perform quarterly PM tests as a compliance demonstration for MATS as required by Condition 6.5.4(a)(i).

Condition 7.1.7-2

This condition would be added to the permit to require the source to complete the additional testing on Unit 5 and Unit 6 Boilers required by Construction Permit 10120020 and 10120021.

Condition 7.1.8(f) through (h)

These conditions would be added to the permit to address requirements for operational monitoring for the ACI and DSI systems from Construction Permits 07060012, 10120020 and 10120021. Condition 7.1.8(i)

This condition would be added for new monitoring requirements in 35 IAC 214.

Condition 7.1.9(b)

Additional recordkeeping requirements for the ESPs and the ACI, RRI, SNCR and DSI systems would be added.

Condition 7.1.10-3 (b)

This condition would be added to the permit to address notification requirements for the DSI systems from Construction Permits 10120020 and 10120021.

Conditions 7.1.11-2(a) and (b)

These conditions would be added to the permit to provide operational flexibility authorizing the Permittee to burn "refined coal" in the affected boilers as addressed by Construction Permit 15090007.

Section 7.2: Coal Handling

Condition 7.2.1

This condition would be updated to reflect changes to the coal handling operations that have occurred as a result of construction permits issued since 2005.

Condition 7.2.7(a)(i)

This condition would be revised because initial observations of all affected operations have been completed.

Section 7.3: Coal Processing

Conditions 7.3.1 and 7.3.2

These conditions would be revised to identify that dust collection devices were replaced by wet dust extractor devices.

Condition 7.3.7(a)(i)

This condition would be revised because initial observations of all affected processes have been completed.

Section 7.4: Fly Ash Handling Equipment

Condition 7.4.1 and 7.4.2

The description of the fly ash handling equipment would be updated to reflect the changes in operation of two fly ash handling systems.

Condition 7.4.7(a)(i)

This condition would be revised because initial observations of all affected processes have been completed.

Condition 7.4.8(d)

This condition would be added to identify monthly inspection requirements for the fly ash handling baghouses. This inspection requirement is consistent with inspections Midwest Generation is completing at other power plants handling dry fly ash.

Section 7.5: Gasoline Storage Tank

Condition 7.5.5(d)

A non-applicability statement for NESHAP, 40 CFR 63 Subpart CCCCCC, would be added because the gasoline storage tank is not located at an area source of HAPs.

Section 7.6: Natural Gas-fired Auxiliary Boiler

Condition 7.6.3(b)

An applicability statement for the NESHAP for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters, 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart DDDDD would be added.

Condition 7.6.5(b)

This non-applicability statement would be revised. This boiler is now subject to certain work practice requirements in NESHAP, 40 CFR 63 Subpart DDDDD, but is not subject to emission or operational limits pursuant to this NESHAP.

Condition 7.6.6(a)(i)

This condition would be removed from the permit because the Permittee must now complete annual tune-up of the boiler in accordance with 40 CFR 63 Subpart DDDDD

Condition 7.6.6(c) through (e)

Work practice requirements from 40 CFR 63 Subpart DDDDD would be added.

Conditions 7.6.9(d) and 7.6.10(b)

Recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the annual tune-up required by 40 CFR 63 Subpart DDDDD would be added.

Section 7.7: Sorbent Handling Facility

This new section would be added to the permit to address requirements from Construction Permits 10120020 and 10120021 and other applicable requirements related to the handling, storage and processing of sorbent for the DSI systems on the coal boilers.

Section 7.8: Temporary Natural Gas-Fired Boiler

This new section would be added to the permit to address requirements from Construction Permit 14090020 and other applicable requirements related to a transportable temporary natural gas-fired boiler.

Section 7.9: Portable Direct-Fired Heaters

This new section would be added to the permit to address requirements from Construction Permit 08110022 and other applicable requirements related to the operation of two LPG-fired portable heaters.

Section 7.10: Coal Additive Handling Facility

This new section would be added to the permit to address requirements from Construction Permits 15090007 and other applicable requirements related to the handling of dry materials that are mixed into the coal supplied to the boilers to make "refined coal".

CHAPTER 4 - COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE MONITORING (CAM)

4.1 CAM Monitoring Approach

For emissions of particulate matter (PM) from the coal-fired boilers, the Permittee is subject to Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) requirements for the state PM standard, i.e., 0.1 lb/mmBtu pursuant to 35 IAC 212.202.

The Permittee selected opacity as the indicator for the CAM Plans for the PM emissions of the coal-fired boilers. Under the conditional approval of the submitted CAM plans, the Permittee was required to conduct testing for PM emissions to derive a relationship between the opacity and PM emissions of the boilers. This relationship was then used to determine an opacity indicator range for the applicable PM limit, such that as long as the opacity is at or below this value during normal boiler operation, there is a reasonable assurance that the boiler will also comply with the respective applicable PM emission limit. This relationship was used to determine appropriate opacity indicator value for the state standard of 0.1 lb/mmBtu.

The continuous opacity monitoring system (COMS), which is installed in the common stack for the boilers, is used to continuously monitor opacity. The selected indicator range that defines an excursion is 30 percent opacity for the state standard, based on a rolling three-hour period excluding periods of startup and shutdown, and malfunction events. For the state limit, at 30 percent opacity, the analysis of test results indicates that the compliance margin of the boilers would be approximately 18 percent compared to the applicable emission limit of 0.1 lb/mmBtu for both boilers.

4.2 CAM PM Testing

PM testing was conducted to derive the relationship between opacity and PM emissions for the boilers. The PM testing was conducted for operating conditions of the ESP resulting in High-Opacity, Mid-Opacity and Low-Opacity in the stack.

The table below provides a summary of the test results for CAM testing completed on January 19-21, 2016. Each test consisted of at least three runs using USEPA Test Method 5 for filterable PM determination. For the operating conditions tested, all PM emission test results were less than 71.2 percent of the applicable state PM emission limitation (0.1 lb/mmBtu).

Operating Condition	PM Emissions (lb/mmBtu)	Opacity (%)
High-Opacity	0.0561	25.48
High-Opacity	0.0712	24.12
High-Opacity	0.0549	18.83
Mid-Opacity	0.0339	15.31
Mid-Opacity	0.0420	14.86
Mid-Opacity	0.0383	14.49
Low-Opacity	0.0112	5.29
Low-Opacity	0.0088	5.15
Low-Opacity	0.0067	5.02

The analysis of the results of this testing demonstrates that the selected indicator value in the CAM Plan for the boilers meets the design requirements of 40 CFR 64.3.

4.3 CAM Averaging Period

The CAM Rule does not provide specific averaging periods to be used in the development of monitoring approaches. However, 40 CFR 64.3(d)(3)(i) implies that the appropriate averaging period is the averaging period of the underlying emissions standard. In this case, 35 IAC 212.110 provides that compliance with the applicable PM standard is based on emissions testing. Since emissions testing for PM includes at least three test runs, each nominally one-hour in duration, this indicates that a three-hour averaging period is an appropriate averaging time for purposes of CAM for the state rule.

4.4 CAM Excursion

During "normal operation", (i.e., periods other than startup, shutdown or malfunction), an excursion is a rolling three-hour period opacity in excess of 30 percent, in the common stack for the boilers. Each excursion must be investigated by the source to determine the monitoring status and operating conditions responsible for the excursion.

4.5 CAM Excursion Corrective Action

Upon detecting an excursion, the Permittee must implement corrective action to restore the indicator to below the indicator range. Corrective action should begin with an evaluation of the monitoring system to determine if the excursion is related to the monitoring system or the control device. Individual unit process and control device operating parameters will be reviewed to determine the cause of the excursion. To the extent possible, any corrective action should reduce the potential of similar excursions from recurring.

4.6 CAM Reporting Requirements

All excursions must be reported in the plant's semi-annual CAAPP compliance report. As required by the CAM Rule, the Permittee shall include summary information on the number, duration and cause of excursions and the corrective actions taken. It is not necessary to report PM control equipment malfunctions that do not cause an excursion. The Permittee will also include summary information on the number, duration, and cause of opacity monitor downtime incidents.

4.7 CAM Recordkeeping Requirements

The Permittee must retain all monitoring data and support information for a period of at least five years from the date of the monitoring sample, measurement, report or application.

4.8 Planned Changes to the CAAPP Permit

As part of the approval of the CAM Plan, the following changes would be made to the CAAPP permit, as shown in the draft of the revised permit:

Condition 7.1.8(e)

Reference to the obsolete CAM Condition 7.1.13-1 in the applicability statement concerning CAM for PM would be removed. Also, the condition would be revised to specifically state that the boilers are subject to CAM requirements for the PM standards set forth in Condition 7.1.4(b).

Condition 7.1.9(c)(ii)

Condition 7.1.9(c)(ii)(B) was added in a previous permitting action for additional periodic monitoring to demonstrate compliance with the applicable state standard for PM (i.e., 0.1 lb/mmBtu pursuant to 35 IAC 212.202, as addressed in Condition 7.1.4(b)) until the conditionally approved CAM Plan received final approval and implementation. Since this has been achieved, the condition would be removed from the permit.

For this same reason, the reference to Condition $7.1.4\,(b)$ in the introductory clause of Condition $7.1.9\,(c)\,(ii)$ would also be removed. The CAM Plans would now address compliance with the PM limits in the revised permit. In addition, the reference to Condition $7.1.4\,(a)$ would be changed to Condition $5.2.2\,(b)$ for consistency with other references in the permit to plant-wide opacity limits.

Condition 7.1.13-1

This condition provides conditional approval of the CAM Plans, including the deadline for testing of PM emissions for purposes of CAM and a requirement for implementation of Compliance Assurance Monitoring. The Permittee has complied with all requirements of this conditional approval; therefore, the requirements in Condition 7.1.13-1 would be removed from the CAAPP permit and the condition left "intentionally blank."

Condition 7.1.13-2(a)

Reference to an obsolete compliance date for the CAM requirements in Condition 7.1.13-1 would be removed.

Condition 7.1.13-2 (b)

The recordkeeping requirement of this condition prior to implementation of CAM would be removed and the condition left intentionally blank.

Condition 7.1.13-2(c)

The statement concerning an obsolete compliance date which has already occurred would be removed.

Condition 7.1.13-2(d)

A reference to obsolete Condition 7.1.13-1 would be removed.

Table 7.1.13a

The value for the indicator range would be added to Table 7.1.13a. The table would also be updated to reflect changes to the CAM Plan made by the Permittee, and remove the note concerning indicator values to be added pursuant to obsolete Condition 7.1.13-1(a).

Chapter 5 - OTHER PLANNED REVISIONS TO THE CAAPP PERMIT THROUGH SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION

Introduction

The revisions described below are planned to be made in response to the Permittee's application requesting certain revisions to the provisions of the CAAPP permit, including certain revisions to the requirements for Periodic Monitoring in the current CAAPP permit. These revisions that involve elements of Periodic Monitoring that are not explicitly required by applicable rules but were previously determined to be appropriate to ensure compliance with applicable substantive requirements. The Illinois EPA has determined that certain revisions to be these requirements are appropriate.

Section 5.0: Overall Source Conditions

Condition 5.2.4

This source wide condition would be updated to more clearly identify the requirements imposed by 35 IAC 212.309 for development and implementation of a Fugitive Particulate Matter Operating Program. This condition would also provide that the Fugitive Particulate Matter Operating Program previously submitted to the Illinois EPA would be incorporated by reference into the CAAPP permit.

Condition 5.2.8

This source wide condition would be updated to more clearly identify the requirements imposed by 35 IAC 244 for development and implementation of an Episode Action Plan. This condition would also provide that the Episode Action Plan previously submitted to the Illinois EPA would be incorporated by reference into the CAAPP permit.

Condition 5.2.9

This source wide condition would be added to incorporate by reference the Control Measures Record submitted to the Illinois EPA as required by Condition 7.2.9(b) for coal handling equipment, Condition 7.3.9(b) for coal processing equipment, and Condition 7.4.9(b) for fly ash handling. This condition would also specify that any revisions to the Control Measures Records submitted to the Illinois EPA would be incorporated by reference into the CAAPP permit. The current record was submitted to the Illinois EPA on April 28, 2016. The condition would also specify actions the Permittee must take in the event that written feedback is provided by the Illinois EPA regarding revisions to the Control Measure Record.

Changes would also be made to Conditions 7.2.6(a) (ii) and 7.2.9(b) (iii), 7.3.6(a) (ii) and 7.3.9(b) (iii), and 7.4.6(a) (ii) and 7.4.9(b) (iii) to correspond with the addition of Condition 5.2.9.

¹⁴ Pursuant to Section 39.5(14)(c)(iii) of the Act, proceedings involving significant modifications to a CAAPP permit must use the same procedures that apply to initial permit issuance or renewal.

Condition 7.1.5(a)

The affected boilers are only able to burn natural gas as auxiliary fuel, not liquid fuel. Therefore, references regarding the use of liquid fuel, would be removed from the condition.

Condition 7.1.7(a)(ii) (Condition 7.1.7-1 in revised permit)

This condition would be removed from the permit. With changes that have occurred since 2005, this condition is no longer needed. Testing of the boilers shows a significant margin of compliance with the state standard for PM. The boilers are subject to CAM for PM. The MATS Rule imposes rigorous requirements for compliance with the limits for particulate non-marcury metal HAPs, which also serves to assure compliance with the state standard for PM emissions. For example, the Permittee is currently conducting testing of PM emissions on a quarterly basis pursuant to the MATS Rule.

Condition 7.1.7(a) (v) (A) (Condition 7.1.7-1 in revised permit)

This condition addresses certain emission testing of the coal-fired boilers that may be required as a result burning material other than standard fuel in the coal-fired boilers. As present in the current permit, this condition generally requires that testing must be conducted for the coal-fired boilers for PM and CO emissions if in a calendar quarter standard fuel (i.e., coal, fuel oil and natural gas) make up less than 97 percent, by weight, of the material burned in a boiler. The revised permit would change this to require such testing be conducted if the alternative fuel burned during the quarter is greater than 3 percent by weight.

Condition 7.1.7(b)(i) (Condition 7.1.7-1 in revised permit)

This condition requires that measurements of CO and PM emissions be performed at 90 percent or better of the seasonal maximum operating loads of the affected boilers or related turbines and other operating conditions that are representative of normal operation. This condition would be revised to clearly specify that this testing must be performed during maximum normal operating load conditions and that these conditions are generally between 90 and 110 percent of design capacity but should be representative of unit specific normal operations during each test.

Condition 7.1.9(e)(ii)

Records to verify compliance with the limitations of Condition 7.1.4(f) would be added.

Condition 7.1.12(a)(ii)

This condition addresses 35 IAC 212.123(b), which provides that opacity may be greater than 30 percent, 6-minute average, if opacity was not greater than 60 percent for a period or periods aggregating 8 minutes in any 60 minute period provided that such emissions only come from one source within a 1000 foot radius, limited to three times in any 24 hour period.

As discrete measurements of opacity may be used to comply with this standard, Condition 7.1.12(a)(ii)(A) would be revised to allow such measurements to be made at up to 15 seconds intervals, instead of the current 10 seconds interval.

With this revision, the permit would still provide for the reasonable implementation of 35 IAC 212.123(b) by the Permittee. This revision will also potentially reduce the amount of data that must be considered when the Permittee elects to show compliance by means of this alternative to 35 IAC 212.123(a). It will also accommodate existing software for continuous opacity monitoring systems that records measured data at an interval greater than 10 seconds.

Sections 7.2: Coal Handling Equipment

Condition 7.2.4(e) and (f) and 7.2.5(a)

Conditions 7.2.4(e) and (f) would be added because the affected operations are subject to the "process weight rate rule", 35 IAC 212.321 or 212.322.

As a result, Condition 7.2.5(a) would be removed from the permit.

Condition 7.2.9(b)(ii)

This recordkeeping requirement would be added to the permit because the affected operations are subject to the process weight rate standards.

CHAPTER 6 - PLANNED ISSUANCE OF A RENEWED ACID RAIN PROGRAM PERMIT

The Illinois EPA is proposing to issue a renewed Acid Rain Program Permit for Powerton pursuant to and consistent with Section 39.5(17)(f) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Titles IV and V of the federal Clean Air Act. This permit would address the four coal-fired boilers at this source, which are referred to as Powerton Units 51, 52, 61 and 62 for purposes of the Acid Rain Program.

The renewed acid rain permit would reflect applicable regulatory requirements of the federal Acid Rain Program. As such, it would require the source to hold SO_2 allowances under the federal Acid Rain Program to account for SO_2 emissions from the affected units. An allowance is a limited authorization to emit up to one ton of SO_2 during or after a specified calendar year. As the affected units are existing units under the Acid Rain Program, the source receives annual allocations of allowances from USEPA for the units, as would be identified in the permit. The source may also participate in allowance trading with other sources to obtain additional allowances or transfer surplus allowances.

The renewed acid rain permit would also address the applicable limit under the Acid Rain Program that applies to NO_x emissions of the affected units, 0.86 lb/mmBtu, annual average. In this regard, the permit would no longer provide for compliance with the NO_x limits of the Acid Rain Program to be shown by averaging of the NO_x emissions of the affected units with the NO_x emissions of other units operated by the Permittee that are subject to the Acid Rain Program.

The renewed acid rain permit would also address emission monitoring and reporting requirements under the Acid Rain Program. The permit would not affect the source's responsibility to meet all applicable local, state, and federal requirements.

The Illinois EPA is proposing that the renewed acid rain permit would expire on October 15, 2020, when the current CAAPP permit for Powerton will expire. This will coordinate the term of the renewed permit with the remaining term of the CAAPP permit for Powerton, as is provided for by 40 CFR 72.73(b)(2). This will enable the renewal of the current CAAPP permit for Powerton and the next renewal of the acid rain permit to be processed at the same time.

CHAPTER 7 - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

This chapter provides supplemental information about the emission units at Powerton to assist interested individuals in understanding the changes to the CAAPP permit that are now planned. General discussions about reporting requirements, start-up and malfunction/breakdown, incorporation by reference, and periodic monitoring in CAAPP permits are included in Sections 7.11 through 7.14 below.

7.1 Coal-Fired Boilers

This source has four coal-fired boilers whose steam output is used to produce electricity. The electricity is generated in two steam turbine generators, with two boilers supplying steam to each generator. Emissions from all four boilers go to a single stack. In addition to coal, the boilers may also be fired with natural gas during startup, flame stabilization and shutdown periods.

CO emissions from the boilers are addressed by good combustion and work practices. $NO_{\rm x}$ emissions from the boilers are controlled by combustion control measures including over fire air systems (OFA), rich reagent injection and selective non-catalytic reduction systems (SNCR). Emissions of PM and non-mercury hazardous air pollutant (HAP) metals are controlled by electrostatic precipitators (ESP). SO_2 emissions are controlled with Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI) flue gas desulfurization systems, which also control emissions of hydrogen chloride (HCl). Mercury emissions are controlled with the combination of the electrostatic precipitator (ESP) on each affected boiler, and the use of the Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) systems.

The boilers are subject to emission standards for CO, NO_X , PM (including non-mercury HAP metals), SO_2 , HCl and mercury and a standard for the opacity of emissions. The boilers are also subject to the federal Acid Rain Program, which imposes requirements on SO_2 and NO_X emissions and requires that the boilers be equipped with continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) for SO_2 and NO_X with computerized systems for collection of emission data. The boilers are also subject to the federal Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), also known as the Transport Rule. CSAPR requires the source to hold allowances for its actual annual SO_2 emissions and annual and Ozone Season NO_X emissions.

For the PM standards for the MATS Rule, the source has elected to perform quarterly emissions testing to demonstrate compliance. Recent performance testing of the boilers for PM showed compliance with the applicable limit (0.03 lb/mmBtu) with a 56% margin of compliance. The MATS rule uses USEPA Test Method 5, with a probe temperature of $320 \pm 25^{\circ}F$.

Periodic testing for PM is also required to verify compliance with the state emission standard for PM. 15 Recent performance testing for the state PM standard showed compliance with the applicable PM limit (0.1 lb/mmBtu) with a significant margin of compliance (86%). CO testing is also required for the boilers and shall be performed in conjunction with this PM testing unless a CO test was completed during a prior relative accuracy test audit (RATA) for the continuous emissions monitoring systems. Required testing is to be conducted in

 $^{^{15}}$ Slightly different methods are required for this testing. Testing for the state emission standards uses USEPA Method 5, with a probe temperature of 248 \pm 25°F.

the maximum operating load range and during other operating conditions that are consistent with normal operation of the boilers.

The boilers are operated pursuant to formal operating procedures. The CAAPP permit and MATS rule require that the boilers must be started up in accordance with procedures that are developed and maintained to minimize emissions. In addition, they must operate all continuous monitoring systems during startup and use "clean fuels" for ignition.

The boilers have the potential to exceed the applicable state emission standards for PM, CO and opacity during malfunction and breakdown. As provided by applicable state rules, subject to certain terms and conditions, the permit authorizes the source to make certain claims related to continued operation with emissions in excess of applicable state emission standards during such events. In particular, such continued operation must be necessary to provide essential service or to prevent injury to personnel or severe damage to equipment. In addition, upon occurrence of excess emissions, the source must, as soon as practicable, reduce boiler load, repair the affected boiler, remove the affected boiler from service, or undertake other action so that exceedances of state emission standards cease.

The Permittee must keep a variety of operational records for each boiler and its control equipment. For startup, records must be kept with the date, description, and duration of each startup. Further records are required if a startup does not progress in a routine manner to normal operation and compliance with applicable standards or if the source's startup procedures are not followed.

For malfunction/breakdown events, records must be kept for each incident when operation of a boiler continued with excess emissions. These records must include the date, duration, and description of the malfunction/breakdown; the corrective actions used to reduce the quantity of emissions and the duration of the incident; information on whether opacity exceeded the applicable standard for two or more hours; whether PM or CO emissions exceeded the applicable standard; a detailed explanation of why continued operation of the affected boiler was necessary; the preventative measures that have been or will be taken to prevent similar malfunctions or breakdowns in the future including any repairs to the affected boilers and associated equipment; and an estimate of the magnitude of PM and/or CO emissions during the incident. Maintenance and repair records must also be kept.

The provisions of the permits for notification and reporting provide a hierarchy of reports. Excess PM emissions, which would be associated with malfunction/breakdown of equipment, must be followed by a written report within 15 days of the event. Extended opacity exceedances, in which the total duration of exceedances is greater than the specified time period are also to be reported immediately and then followed with a written report within 15 days if they persist for more than 120 minutes. The Permittee is also required to submit quarterly reports that address exceedances, along with certain data from the continuous monitoring systems for SO_2 and NO_x .

The Permittee is required to provide information in the quarterly reports addressing all deviations from applicable requirements of the permit, including both emission control requirements and requirements for monitoring and recordkeeping. Such reports would also include information on the total operating hours; the greatest hourly load achieved by each boiler; a discussion

of significant changes in the fuel supply; the number, total duration, and description of startups; information for SO2, NOx, PM and opacity; and operational information for continuous monitoring systems. These reports must include the following information for each period when emissions were in excess of the applicable SO_2 limitation: the starting date and time of the excess emissions; the duration of the excess emissions; the measured emissions rate, if any; and a detailed explanation of the cause of the excess emissions, if known, with a discussion of any corrective actions taken. For opacity and PM exceedances, the quarterly reports must also contain information for each period when opacity is in excess of applicable standards. The reports must include the starting date and time of the excess opacity, duration of the excess opacity, magnitude of the excess opacity based on sixminute average, the cause of the excess opacity, if known, a detailed explanation of corrective actions taken, identification of any previous report identifying excess opacity, and information regarding incidents when operation continued during malfunction or breakdown with excess opacity.

7.2 Coal Handling Equipment

The source handles, transfers, and stores coal in a series of operations. The PM emissions from coal handling are subject to an opacity limit and various rules that address stack and fugitive PM emissions.

The CAAPP permit generally requires implementation of emission control measures for coal handling. Coal processing equipment and fly ash handling equipment are currently subject to similar requirements. Powerton must specify the control measures that it will implement in a plan or "Control Measures Record". The permit also requires submittal of the Control Measures Record and any changes to this record to the Illinois EPA. 16

In general, monthly inspections of control measures are to be performed while the equipment is in use. These inspections are to confirm implementation of the work practices to control dust (PM emissions). Visible emissions observations are to be performed on an annual basis to confirm compliance with the opacity limit. Opacity observations are required every three years.

Records must be maintained for, among other things, the control measures that are being used, operational data, maintenance and repair activities, and any malfunction/breakdown of equipment. Records of the required inspections must also be kept.

Reporting of deviations from the control measures required by the record that last more than 12 hours must occur within 30 days. All deviations from applicable standards or limitations in the permit must be addressed in a quarterly report, submitted with the quarterly report for the coal-fired boilers.

Based on the results of the opacity observations, the control measures that the source is implementing for the material handling and processing equipment at Powerton provide a significant margin of compliance with the applicable opacity

¹⁶ As required by the current CAAPP permit Midwest Generation most recently submitted the Control Measures Record for coal and fly ash materials handling operations at Powerton to the Illinois EPA on April 28, 2016.

limits and ensure compliance with substantive requirements in the permit. A report for opacity observations for the Coal Handling Equipment, Coal Processing Equipment and Fly Ash Handling Equipment, as required by the current CAAPP permit, was submitted to the Illinois EPA on July 14, 2016. A total of 46 observations were completed. All observations conducted demonstrated compliance with the applicable opacity limits in 35 IAC 212.123 and 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Y. Based on observed opacity, the control measures identified in the Control Measures Plan are sufficient to reasonably ensure continuous compliance.

7.3 Coal Processing Equipment

The Permittee prepares or processes coal for use as fuel in its boilers with crushers that reduce the size of the coal. The PM emission from coal processing is subject to an opacity limit and various regulations that address fugitive PM emissions.

Monthly inspections of control measures are to be performed while the equipment is in use. These inspections are to confirm implementation of the work practices to control dust (PM emissions). Visible emissions observations are to be performed on an annual basis to confirm compliance with the opacity limit. Opacity observations are required every three years. Additionally, baghouses would be inspected annually.

Records must be maintained for, among other things, the control measures that are being used, operational data, maintenance and repair activities, and any malfunction/breakdown of equipment. Records of the required inspections must also be kept.

Reporting of deviations from the control measures required by the record that last more than 12 hours must occur within 30 days. All deviations from applicable standards or limitations in the permit must be addressed in a quarterly report, submitted with the quarterly report for the coal-fired boilers.

Based on observed opacity from the coal processing equipment, the control measures for this equipment identified in the Control Measures Plan are sufficient to reasonably ensure continuous compliance.

7.4 Fly Ash Handling Equipment

The Permittee operates ash removal systems that handle ash collected at the coal-fired boilers in a dry state.

¹⁷ 35 IAC 212.123 requires that opacity of emissions from all of these units not exceed 30 percent. Opacity of emissions from unit(s) subject to 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Y must be less than 20 percent. A total of 46 opacity observations were completed for units subject to only 35 IAC 212.123. Only five observations were greater than zero percent. All units were in compliance.

Coal handling and processing operations opacity observations were zero except two that noted a few observations of 5 or 10 percent. The measures being used are fully sufficient to comply with this standard.

opacity observations for 2 fly ash handling operations showed distinct opacity. These values for opacity were the result of certain individual readings of opacity at 5-15 percent, combined with other readings of zero percent opacity. Again, this showed compliance with the applicable opacity standard, 35 IAC 212.123.

Regular monthly inspections of control measures are required of the operation while the equipment is in use. In addition, a weekly inspection is required for the fly ash load out operations.

Visible emissions observations are required at least annually except for fly ash load out operations, for which observations are required quarterly. Such observations are only required for ash handling equipment from which visible emissions, i.e., any visible emission, are normally observed. Opacity observations are required every three years.

The Permittee must keep records of, among other things, the specific control measures that are used, operational data, required inspections, and times when the control measures are not utilized.

Extended deviations from the identified control measures must be reported within 30 days. All deviations must be addressed in quarterly reports that accompany the quarterly reports for the coal-fired boilers.

Based on observed opacity from the fly ash handling equipment, the control measures for this equipment identified in the Control Measures Plan are sufficient to reasonably ensure continuous compliance.

7.5 Gasoline Storage

The Permittee utilizes a small gasoline storage tank for fueling of plant vehicles. The tank must use permanent submerged loading to minimize emissions of volatile organic material from the transfer of gasoline into the tank.

Annual inspections of the tank are required. The Permittee also must keep appropriate records to show compliance with applicable requirements. The Permittee must report significant deviations from the applicable permit requirement, i.e., failure of the submerged loading, within 30 days. The Permittee must report any other deviations with the quarterly reports for the coal-fired boilers.

7.6 Auxiliary Boiler

The auxiliary boiler is a natural gas-fired fuel combustion emission unit used to produce steam for auxiliary support and provide heat. The boiler was constructed in 1976 and has a nominal capacity of 245 mmBtu/hr heat input. The boiler is not used to directly generate electricity.

The boiler is subject to an emission standard for CO. It is also subject to standards for the opacity of emissions.

The Permittee is required to conduct an annual tune-up of the boiler following the procedures specified in the NESHAP, 40 CFR 63 Subpart DDDDD.

The Permittee is required to promptly report deviations from applicable limits in the permit, and provide annual reports for tune-ups performed.

7.7 Dry Sorbent Handling Facilities

The dry sorbent injections systems on the coal boilers are supported by two facilities for unloading, storage and transfer of the sorbent material and by mills for sorbent preparation. Associated particulate matter (PM) emissions

are controlled by the design of the equipment as it provides for full enclosure with emission points normally served by filter control devices.

Regular monthly inspections of control measures are required of the operation while the equipment is in use. Formal observations for visible emissions or, for stack emissions, opacity are required on a regular basis.

Extended lapses in control measures must be reported within 30 days. All deviations must be addressed in quarterly reports that accompany the quarterly reports for the coal-fired boilers.

7.8 Transportable Natural Gas-Fired Boiler

The transportable boiler is a natural gas-fired boiler used for periods when the auxiliary boiler is not or may not be available, such as during outages in extreme cold weather. This boiler is transportable and different boilers may be installed on a recurring basis. The maximum rated heat input for the boiler is 95 mmBtu/hour.

The boiler is subject to standards for the opacity of emission and emission of CO. The boiler is also subject to limits for NOx, CO, PM/PM_{10} , VOM and SO_2 pursuant to Construction Permit 14090020. This boiler is not subject to NSPS 40 CFR 60 Subpart Dc or NESHAP 40 CFR 63 Subpart DDDDD because of heat input limitations and because it is a temporary boiler.

The Permittee notify the Illinois EPA when the temporary boiler is utilized and must maintain appropriate records when the boiler is being operated. The Permittee must promptly report deviations from applicable limits provide operation informant in quarterly reports.

7.9 Portable Direct-Fired Heaters

Portable direct-fired heaters burning liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) with rated heat input capacities greater than 2.5 mmBtu/hour may at times be used during cold weather for the purpose of station heating.

The portable heaters are subject standards for emissions of opacity. The heaters are also subject to emission rate and annual emission limitations for NOx and CO emissions.

The Permittee must maintain records to demonstrate compliance with permit requirements and emission limitations. Deviations must be promptly report to the Illinois EPA.

7.10 Coal Additive Handling Facility

The Coal Additive Handling Facility handles dry and liquid materials that are mixed into the coal supply for the boilers to make it into "refined coal." A pneumatic transfer system is used for the handling of dry materials. Dry material is stored in silos with vent filters. The additives are mixed with the coal by static mixers on two conveyors that transfer coal to the coal bunkers.

The facility is subject to process weight rate standards for emission of particulate matter and standards for fugitive emissions and opacity. Emissions

of particulate matter for conveyors with the static mixers are also subject to emission rate and annual emission limits for PM and $PM_{10}/PM_{2.5}$.

The permittee must perform and document monthly inspections to confirm compliance with emission standards. The Permit must maintain a demonstrate of compliance with process weight rate standards and PM emission rate limitations. Records for emissions of PM and $PM_{10}/_{2.5}$ must also be maintained.

Deviations from certain permit requirements must be promptly reported to the Illinois EPA and all deviations must be included in quarterly reports.

7.11 Discussion of Reporting Required by CAAPP Permits

The effectiveness of the CAAPP relies in part upon accurate and timely reporting by sources. The Illinois EPA, USEPA, and the public rely on reports submitted by sources for information about the compliance status of sources and to help guide their investigations and actions. CAAPP permits generally contain four types of reporting requirements to address and facilitate compliance with applicable requirements. CAAPP permits contain "regulatory" reporting requirements that are carried over from applicable state and federal rules. CAAPP permits require prompt reporting of any deviations that occur from the applicable requirements in the permit. CAAPP permits also require reports on the monitoring that is required under the permit. Finally, CAAPP permits require annual compliance reports or "compliance certifications" in which a source must report on its compliance status during the preceding calendar year. These four types of reporting are all present in the CAAPP permit for Powerton.

7.12 Discussions of Start-up and Malfunction/Breakdown

As related to state emissions standards under Illinois' State Implementation Plan (SIP), this CAAPP permit addresses excess emissions during startups or periods of malfunction or breakdown in a manner that is consistent with the SIP. 35 IAC 201.149, which is currently part of Illinois' SIP, 18 prohibits continued operation of an emission unit during malfunction or breakdown of the unit or associated air pollution control equipment, or startup of an emission unit or associated air pollution control equipment, if such operation would cause a violation of an applicable state emission standard or limitation absent express permit authorization. 19

The provisions governing such permit authorizations are in 35 IAC Part 201 Subpart I, which is also part of Illinois' SIP. These provisions make clear that the process in Illinois for addressing compliance with state emission standards during malfunction/breakdown and startup is in two steps. The first step, as set forth at 35 IAC 201.261, consists of a source seeking authorization by means of a permit application to make a future claim of

¹⁸ USEPA has issued a "SIP Call" that requires Illinois, as well as other states, to remove or appropriately revise provisions that potentially act as an obstacle to enforcement for violations of emission limits in the SIP that occur during startup, shutdown or malfunction.

¹⁹ 35 IAC 201.149 and 35 IAC Part 201 Subpart I only address violations of state emission standards and limitations, as found in 35 IAC Subtitle B: Air Pollution, Chapter I: Pollution Control Board, Subchapter c: Emission Standards and Limitations for Stationary Sources. "Subchapter c" includes Illinois emissions standards for various pollutants, including particulate emissions (35 IAC Part 212), SO₂ emissions (35 IAC Part 214), and NOx emissions (35 IAC Part 217).

malfunction/breakdown or startup.²⁰ Absent a request for authorization in a permit application, followed by the express grant of such authorization in an issued permit, a source cannot make a claim of malfunction/breakdown or startup under Illinois rules in the event of a future exceedance of a state emission standard during such periods. These regulatory provisions are specifically recognized by the CAAPP, pursuant to Section 39.5(5)(s) of the Act.

The second step in Illinois' process related to excess emissions during malfunction/breakdown or startup, as addressed by 35 IAC 201.262, addresses the showing that a source must make for a viable claim of malfunction/breakdown or startup. For malfunction/breakdown, this showing consists of a demonstration that continued operation was necessary to prevent injury to persons or severe damage to equipment, or was required to provide essential services. For startup, this showing consists of a demonstration that all reasonable efforts have been made to minimize emissions from the startup event, to minimize the duration of the event, and to minimize the frequency of such events. In some respects, this showing for startups may be evaluated based on past practice when considering whether a permit should provide authorization to make claims related to startup. However, this showing also continues to be relevant on an ongoing basis, like the showing required for malfunction/breakdown events, which may never actually occur. This is because the showing for startups also relates to future activities whose exact circumstances are not known.

For certain emission units at Powerton, malfunction and breakdown and/or startup authorization is already provided under Illinois' rules. The relevant permit applications contained the applicable forms and provided the relevant information specified by the applicable state rules. The Illinois EPA reviewed these requests and granted authorization to the source in the CAAPP permit to make claims of malfunction and breakdown and/or startup, as appropriate. The planned CAAPP permit would clearly set forth the emission units, types of authorization provided (i.e., malfunction/breakdown and/or startup), and the requirements that have been imposed in conjunction with such authorizations.

These authorizations in the CAAPP permit do not equate to an "automatic exemption" from otherwise applicable state emission standards. The grant of initial authorizations for violations of state emission standards during startup and certain malfunctions and breakdowns was and, for Powerton, will be fully consistent with long standing practice in Illinois for permitting and enforcement. Due to the nature of power plants and the inability to simply shutdown coal-fired boilers and the nature of the start-up of coal-fired boilers, excess emissions may occur during startup or malfunction and breakdown that the source cannot readily anticipate or reasonably avoid. However, as the source should be fully aware, it may be held accountable for any excess emissions that occur regardless of any authorization in the CAAPP permit related to malfunction and breakdown events and startup.

In summary, the provisions in the SIP and the CAAPP permit that delineate the elements for a viable claim of malfunction/breakdown or startup do not

²⁰ Pursuant to 35 IAC 201.261, a request related to malfunction/breakdown should include an explanation of why continued operation is necessary; the anticipated nature, quantity and duration of emissions; and measures that will be taken to minimize the quantity and duration of emissions. A request related to startup should include a description of the startup procedure, duration and frequencies of such startups, type and quantity of emissions during startups, and efforts to minimize such startup emissions, duration of individual startups, and frequency of startups.

translate into any advance determination related to actual occurrences of excess emissions. Rather, together they provide a framework whereby a source is provided with the ability to make a claim of malfunction/breakdown or startup, with the viability of any such claim subject to specific review against the relevant requirements. In this regard, 35 IAC 201.265 clearly states that violating an applicable state standard even if consistent with any express authorization regarding malfunction/breakdown or startup in a permit shall only constitute a prima facie defense to an enforcement action for the violation of such standard. The provisions in the CAAPP permit related to malfunction and breakdown and startup do not provide any shield from state emission standards that may be violated during such events. Any excess emissions during these events could potentially be the subject of enforcement actions.

7.13 Incorporation by Reference

Based on USEPA guidance, as found in USEPA's White Paper 2²¹ and petition responses by the Administrator of USEPA, Title V permit authorities may, within their discretion, incorporate required plans into a Title V by reference. As recognized in White Paper 2, permit authorities can effectively streamline the contents of a Title V permit, avoiding the clutter of restated text. However, it is also recognized that the benefits of incorporation of plans must be carefully balanced by a permit authority with its duty to issue permits in a way that is "clear and meaningful" to the permittee and the public.

As related to incorporation by reference, USEPA guidance stresses the importance of identifying, with specificity, the object of the incorporation. Accordingly, for conditions in CAAPP permits that incorporate plans, the general practice of the Illinois EPA is to briefly describe the subject plan and manner in which it applies to the source. Identifying the nature of the source activity, the regulatory requirements or the nature of the equipment associated with the plan is consistent with recommendation of White Paper 2. The actual contents of plans are not restated in the permit, as this would plainly defeat the purpose of incorporating material by reference, as recognized by relevant USEPA guidance.

Due to changing circumstance or by underlying rules or requirements, plans need to be revised from time to time. Except where expressly precluded by the relevant rules, the CAAPP Permit allows the Permittee to make future changes to plans without undergoing formal permit revision procedures. This approach will allow flexibility to make required changes to a plan without separately applying for a revised permit and, similarly, will lessen the impacts that could result for the Illinois EPA if any change to a plan required a permitting transaction. When revised plans are submitted to the Illinois EPA during the

²¹ Memorandum, White Paper Number 2 for Improved Implementation of The Part 70 Operating Permits Program, March 5, 1996, Lydia N. Wegman, Deputy Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, USEPA, to Directors, Air Regional Offices, USEPA.

Past USEPA petition responses have stated that permit authorities must ensure the following: (1) referenced documents be specifically identified; (2) descriptive information such as the title or number of the document and the date of the document be included so that there is no ambiguity as to which version of the document is being referenced; and (3) citations, cross references, and incorporations by reference are detailed enough that the manner in which any referenced material applies to a facility is clear and is not reasonably subject to misinterpretation.

permit term, changes to the incorporated plans are automatically incorporated into the CAAPP Permit unless otherwise provided by the permit.

7.14 Periodic Monitoring

Pursuant to Section 504(c) of the Clean Air Act, Illinois' CAAPP permit must set forth monitoring requirements, commonly referred to as "Periodic Monitoring", to assure compliance with the applicable emission standards, emission limits and other substantive requirements of the permit. As a general matter, the required content of a CAAPP Permit with respect to such Periodic Monitoring is addressed in Section 39.5(7) of the Act. Section 39.5(7) (b) of the Act.4 provides that in a CAAPP Permit:

The Agency shall include among such conditions applicable monitoring, reporting, record keeping and compliance certification requirements, as authorized by paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of this subsection, that the Agency deems necessary to assure compliance with the Clean Air Act, the regulations promulgated thereunder, this Act, and applicable Board regulations. When monitoring, reporting, record keeping and compliance certification requirements are specified within the Clean Air Act, regulations promulgated thereunder, this Act, or applicable regulations, such requirements shall be included within the CAAPP Permit.

Accordingly, the scope of the Periodic Monitoring that must be included in a CAAPP Permit is not restricted to monitoring requirements that were adopted through rulemaking or imposed through permitting. When applicable regulatory emission standards and control requirements or limits and control requirements in relevant Title I permits are not accompanied by compliance methodologies, it is necessary for monitoring requirements to be established in a CAAPP Permit. 25, Monitoring requirements must also be established when standards and control requirements are accompanied by compliance methodologies but those methodologies are not adequate to assure compliance with the applicable standards or requirements. For this purpose, the requirements for Periodic Monitoring in a CAAPP Permit may include requirements for emission testing, emissions monitoring, operational monitoring, non-instrumental monitoring, and recordkeeping for each emission unit or group of similar units at a facility, as required by rule or permit, as appropriate or as needed to assure compliance with the applicable substantive requirements. Various combinations of

Where the applicable requirement does not require periodic testing or instrumental or noninstrumental monitoring (which may consist of recordkeeping designed to serve as monitoring), require Periodic Monitoring sufficient to yield reliable data from the relevant time period that is representative of the source's compliance with the permit ...

The provisions in the Act for Periodic Monitoring in CAAPP permits reflect parallel requirements in the federal guidelines for State Operating Permit Programs, 40 CFR 70.6(a)(3)(i)(A), (a)(3)(i)(B), and (c)(1).

²⁴ Section 39.5(7)(d)(ii) of the Act further provides that a CAAPP Permit shall:

Section 39.5(7)(p)(i) of the Act also provides that a CAAPP permit shall contain "Compliance certification, testing, monitoring, reporting and record keeping requirements sufficient to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit." 25

The classic example of regulatory standards for which Periodic Monitoring requirements must be established in a CAAPP permit are state emission standards that pre-date the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments that were adopted without any associated compliance procedures. Periodic Monitoring must also be established in a CAAPP permit when standards and limits are accompanied by compliance procedures but those procedures are determined to be inadequate to assure compliance with those requirements.

monitoring measures will be appropriate for different emission units depending on their circumstances, including the substantive emission standards, limitations and control requirements to which they are subject.

What constitutes sufficient Periodic Monitoring for particular emission units, including the timing or frequency associated with such Monitoring requirements, must be determined by the permitting authority based on its knowledge, experience and judgment. 26 For example, as Periodic Monitoring must collect representative data, the timing of Monitoring requirements need not match the averaging time or compliance period of the associated substantive requirements, as set by the relevant regulations and permit provisions. The timing of the various requirements making up the Periodic Monitoring for an emission unit is something that must be considered when those Monitoring requirements are being established. For this purpose, Periodic Monitoring often consists of requirements that apply on a regular basis, such as routine recordkeeping for the operation of control devices or the implementation of the control practices for an emission unit. For certain units, this regular monitoring may entail "continuous" monitoring of emissions, opacity or key operating parameters of a process or its associated control equipment, with direct measurement and automatic recording of the selected parameter(s). As it is infeasible or impractical to require emissions monitoring for many emission units, instrumental monitoring is more commonly conducted for the operating parameters of an emission unit or its associated control equipment. Monitoring for operating parameter(s) serves to confirm proper operation of equipment, consistent with operation to comply with applicable emission standards and limits. In certain cases, an applicable rule may directly specify that a particular level of an operating parameter be maintained, consistent with the manner in which a unit was being operated during emission testing. Periodic Monitoring may also consist of requirements that apply on a periodic basis, such as inspections to verify the proper functioning of an emission unit and its associated controls.

The Periodic Monitoring for a unit may also include measures, such as emission testing, that would only be required once or only upon specific request by the Illinois EPA. These requirements are typically accompanied by monitoring requirements would apply on a regular basis. When emission testing or other measure is only required upon request by the Illinois EPA, it is included as part of the Periodic Monitoring for an emission unit to facilitate a response by the Illinois EPA to circumstances that were not contemplated when Monitoring was being established, such as the handling of a new material or a new mode of operation. Such monitoring would also serve to provide further verification of compliance, along with other potentially useful information. As emission testing provides a quantitative determination of compliance, it would also provide a determination of the margin of compliance with the applicable limit(s) and serve to confirm that the Monitoring required for an emission unit on a regular basis is reliable and appropriate. Such testing might also identify specific values of operating parameters of a unit or its associated

The test for the adequacy of "Periodic Monitoring" is a context-specific determination, particularly whether the provisions in a Title V permit reasonably address compliance with relevant substantive permit conditions. 40 CFR 70.6(c)(1); see also 40 CFR 70.6(a)(3)(i)(B); see also, In the Matter of CITGO Refinery and Chemicals Company L.P., Petition VI-2007-01 (May 28, 2009); see also, In the Matter of Waste Management of LA. L.L.C. Woodside Sanitary Landfill & Recycling Center, Walker, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, Petition VI-2009-01 (May 27, 2010); see also, In the Matter of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's JP Pulliam Power Plant, Petition V-2009-01 (June 28, 2010).

control equipment that accompany compliance and can be relied upon as part of regular Monitoring.

Attachment 1 - Other Changes Planned by Minor Modification

Introduction

In parallel with this reopening proceeding and the planned significant modifications to the CAAPP permit, the Illinois EPA is also planning to make certain revisions to the CAAPP permit by minor modification. These changes would be made to remove outdated language, improve language, or correct language. Pursuant to Section 39.5(14)(a) of the Act, the planned changes listed below are all minor modifications. 27 Pursuant to Section 39.5(14)(a)(v) of the Act, the Illinois EPA may not issue a revised CAAPP permit by minor modification until after a 45-day period for USEPA review has passed or USEPA has notified the Illinois EPA that it will not object to the issuance of the revised permit, whichever comes first. However, the Illinois EPA can approve the permit modification prior to that time. Pursuant to Section 39.5(14)(a)(vi) of the Act, the Permittee may make the change proposed in its minor permit modification application immediately after it files such application. After the Permittee makes the changes, and until the Illinois EPA takes final action, the Permittee must comply with both the applicable requirements governing the change and the proposed permit terms and conditions. During this time period, the Permittee need not comply with the existing permit terms and conditions that it seeks to modify. If the Permittee fails to comply with its proposed permit terms and conditions during this period, the relevant existing permit terms and conditions may be enforced. Pursuant to Section 39.5(14)(a)(vii) of the Act, changes that are minor modifications are not covered by any permit shield pursuant to Section 39.5(7)(j) of the Act.

Change in Section 4 of the Permit: Emission Units

Condition 4.0

A row for Insignificant Activities would be added and the title would be updated to remove the word "SIGNIFICANT". A note indicating that the information and descriptions in the table are for informational purposes only would also be added. Also additional revisions would be made to the table to conform with other sections of the permit.

Changes in Section 6: Conditions for Emission Control Programs

Condition 6.2

The Act defines "minor permit modification" to mean a permit modification as listed in Section 39.5(14) (a) (i) of the Act. All the planned minor modification changes to the CAAPP permit for this source are not administrative amendments and meet the following criteria:

[•] Do not violate any applicable requirement;

[•] Do not involve significant changes to existing monitoring, reporting, or recordkeeping requirements in the permit;

[•] Do not require a case-by-case determination of an emission limitation or other standard, or a source-specific determination of ambient impacts, or a visibility or increment analysis;

[•] Do not seek to establish or change a permit term or condition for which there is no corresponding underlying requirement and which avoids an applicable requirement to which the source would otherwise be subject (i.e., a federally enforceable emissions cap assumed to avoid classification as a modification under any provision of Title I of the Clean Air Act; and an alternative emissions limit approved pursuant to regulations promulgated under Section 112(i) (5) of the Clean Air Act);

[•] Are not modifications under any provision of Title I of the Clean Air Act; and

[•] Are not required to be processed as a significant modification.

The Acid Rain Program language would be updated for improved clarity and consistency.

Condition 6.2.3

Clarification would be made that opacity is monitored using a continuous opacity monitoring system (COMS) not a CEMS.

Changes in Section 7.1: Unit Specific Conditions for the Coal-Fired Boilers

Condition 7.1.4(b)

The PM limit would be corrected to match state rules.

Current Condition 7.1.4(e) and New Condition 7.1.4(g)

Current Condition 7.1.4(e) would be removed and the reference to the Acid Rain Program Permit would be added in new Condition 7.1.4(g).

Condition 7.1.5(a)

The origin of authority would be added to this condition.

Condition 7.1.7(a)(i) and (iv)(A) (Condition 7.1.7-1 in revised permit)

These conditions would be removed from the permit because the initial testing has been completed. Condition 7.1.7(a) (iv) (B) would be revised to remove the cross reference to Condition 7.1.7(a) (i).

Condition 7.1.7(a) (iii) (Condition 7.1.7-1 in revised permit)

The applicable PM limit would be corrected to match state rules.

Conditions 7.1.7(a) (v) (A), (B) and (C) and 7.1.7(e) (iii) (F) (Condition 7.1.7-1 in revised permit)

"Process wastes" would no longer be mentioned in this condition. This is because the Permittee is not allowed to burn such materials. This will maintain the non-applicability statement for 40 CFR 63 Subpart CCCC, as would be added in Condition 7.1.5. Also, the statement concerning the use of alternate fuel would be updated for clarity and consistency. In Condition 7.1.7(a) (v) (A) the obsolete references to Condition 5.10 and effectiveness of the condition would also be removed.

Condition 7.1.9(a)

References to "process wastes" would be removed as discussed above, and "operating records" would be revised to "operational records" for improved clarity.

Conditions 7.1.9(d)(i)(A) and 7.1.9(e)(i)(A)

The condition would be revised to include applicable units for emission data (lb/mmBtu).

Condition 7.1.10-2(a)(i)(D)

The word "maintained" would be added for clarity.

Condition 7.1.10-2(a) (iii)

An obsolete reference to the first four quarterly reports would be removed.

Condition 7.1.10-2(d)(iii)(A)(III)(B)

The words "and stop" would be removed from the reporting requirements. "Stop" time is unnecessary as it would always be six minutes after the reported start time since reporting is based on six-minute block averages.

Condition 7.1.10-2(e)(ii)(A)(IV)

The phrase "affected boilers" would be changed to "unit" to be consistent with the regulatory requirement.

Condition 7.1.10-3(a)(i)

A minor revision would be made to the parenthetical to better track the language that precedes the parenthetical by adding the phrase "within a two-hour period."

Condition 7.1.11(c)

References to wood and process wastes and to boiler cleaning residue would be removed from the condition as discussed previously.

Changes in Sections 7.2 and 7.3: Unit Specific Conditions for Coal Handling and Processing Equipment

Conditions 7.2.9 and 7.3.9

The origin of authority would be moved prior to Conditions 7.2.9(a) and 7.3.9(a) to reflect that the origin of authority applies to each entire condition, not just Conditions 7.2.9(a) and 7.3.9(a)). Also, the word "available" would be added concerning information on design control efficiency to reflect that the information may not be available due to the age of the equipment.

Changes in Section 7.5: Gasoline Storage Tank

Condition 7.5.2

The list of emission units would be revised to include submerged loading pipe in the description and removal from the control equipment since it is considered a passive control device.

Changes in Section 7.6: Auxiliary Boiler

Condition 7.6 and 7.6.1

The title would be changed "Auxiliary Boiler" instead of "Natural Gas Boiler" to avoid confusion with new Section 7.8 for use of a temporary natural gasfired boiler. This change would also be reflected in Condition 7.6.1.

Condition 7.6.6(b) (Currently Condition 7.6.6(a)(ii))

The origin of authority would be added to the requirement to burn only natural-gas in the affected boiler.

Condition 7.6.7(a)(i)

This condition would be revised because initial opacity observation has been completed.

Changes in Section 9.0: Standard Permit Conditions

Condition 9.8

The requirement to submit annual compliance certifications to USEPA would be removed since they are no longer required by USEPA.

Attachment 2 - Other Changes by Administrative Amendment

Introduction

In parallel with this reopening proceeding, the modifications to the permit to fully approve the CAM Plan, other significant modifications and minor modifications to the permit, a number of changes to the CAAPP permit by administrative amendment would also occur. Descriptions of these changes, other than changes that will be made to correct errors in grammar or punctuation, are provided below. Permit changes to correct errors in grammar or punctuation will not be discussed individually.

Pursuant to Section 39.5(13) of the Act, these changes would all be administrative changes to the permit. Pursuant to Section 39.5(13)(a) of the Act, neither notice nor an opportunity for public and affected state comment is required for the Illinois EPA to make these changes to the permit, provided that these revisions are designated as having been made pursuant to the CAAPP's procedures for administrative amendments to CAAPP permits. The source may also implement the changes addressed in its request for an administrative amendment of the permit immediately upon submittal of the request. These changes are not covered by any permit shield pursuant to Section 39.5(7)(j) of the Act.

Deleted or Blank Conditions:

Several obsolete conditions were removed in their entirety from the permit. In addition, several conditions contained no applicable requirements and, in lieu of stating "none", would now be deleted. In order to reduce confusion from deleted condition numbers that would require renumbering subsequent condition numbers and therefore require multiple updates to cross-references, the existing requirements in the conditions would be removed and the conditions would state "Intentionally Blank." Where deletion of a condition would not require renumbering subsequent conditions, the conditions have been deleted in their entirety and the phrase "Intentionally Blank" has not been added.

Section 39.5(13) of the Act defines "administrative permit amendments" as a permit revision that can accomplish one or more of the changes listed in Section 39.5(13)(c) of the Act. All the planned administrative changes to the CAAPP permit for this source fall into the following categories: Correct typographical errors; identify a change in the name, address, or phone number of any person identified in the permit, or provide a similar minor administrative change at the source; or any other type of change which has been determined to be similar to those above.

Word Changes throughout the Permit:

Any condition which referred to use of a USEPA Test Method would be changed to Reference Method for consistency throughout the permit.

The words "testing" and "measurement" would be changed to "observations" in any provision involving or related to the use of Reference Method 9 (Visual Determination of the Opacity of Emissions from Stationary Sources).

Changes in Section 1 of the Permit: Introduction

Condition 1.4

This condition would be revised to clarify that there are twin boilers per electrical generating unit.

Changes in Section 5: Overall Source Conditions

Condition 5.2

The title of this section would be revised to indicate that this permit section contains applicable regulations and source-wide requirements.

Changes in Section 7.1: Unit Specific Conditions for the Coal-Fired Boiler

Condition 7.1.4(f)(i)(B)

The word "Condition" would be added before 7.1.4(f)(i)(A) for clarity and consistency.

Condition 7.1.13-2(f)

Clarification that the citation is to the Illinois Environmental Protection Act would be made in the condition.

Changes in Section 7.4: Fly Ash Handling Equipment

Condition 7.4

The title would be updated to include the word "Handling" for clarity and consistency.

Changes in Section 7.5: Gasoline Storage Tank

Condition 7.5

The title would add the word "Gasoline" for clarity.

Changes in Section 8.0: General Permit Conditions

Condition 8.2

A clarification that Section 8.2 is referring to Section 6.2 of the CAAPP permit would be made.

Condition 8.6.4

Addresses for the Illinois EPA would be updated.

Changes in Section 9.0: Standard Permit Conditions

Condition 9.4

Addresses for the Illinois EPA would be updated.

Changes is Section 10.0: Attachments

Attachment 5

The revised Acid Rain Program permit would be included as Attachment 5 of the CAAPP permit. The Acid Rain Program permit was revised in a separate permitting action and is incorporated by reference as stated in the CAAPP permit cover letter.